

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the specification and claims as amended in this Preliminary Amendment for examination purposes. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

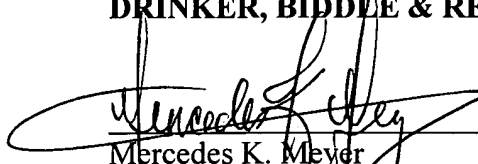
Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 5 is found in the specification, for example, by Figure 7 and its description on page 3. Applicants have canceled claims 2-4, and 6-7 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the canceled subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation and or a divisional on any of the subject matter canceled by way of amendment.

CONCLUSION

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested, and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,
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